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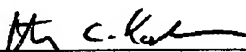
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the December 29, 2005 Office Action is due on March 29, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly consider the following remarks

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